NBC NEWS Live Coverage of The Assassination of President Kennedy Part 3 (3:30 P.M - 4:30 P.M)

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From The Afternoon of Friday November 22nd 1963,NBC News Coverage of The Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

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work they don't leave this david that we are still in touch with dallas and as we are with you there in washington and um very shortly of course the the emphasis of one part of the story will shift from dallas back to washington it is being anticipated that the president's body is being flown back to the nation's capital perhaps even now and that is where we expect president johnson to officially be sworn in we are anxious of course for further information on the uh quest for the assassin we do not know whether the actual assassin has been placed under arrest yet or not we've had stories that won perhaps two persons have been placed under arrest in texas and we have had stories within the past half hour that a secret service men as well as the dallas policemen were killed in a shooting incident sometime after the president had been assassinated uh the assumption here would be that the the two shootings are connected but it's not necessarily true so in in very short order the story will shift uh to washington for the formalities there there will remain in dallas for the search for the assassins there and we will keep our team standing by in both areas to bring you the developments as soon as we have what it was trying to make yes right right there is there is this too detail on mrs kennedy following the assassination of her her husband the president uh mrs kennedy and the president's body were escorted from the emergency entrance of parkland memorial hospital in dallas by two motorcycle officers it is said that mrs kennedy walked out the back door of the emergency entrance as the president's body was being taken out she walked slowly she looked around her in what is described as a dazed manner and appeared to be in a state of shock those who saw her enter the hospital an hour and a half earlier said she had not been hysterical but in spite of the tremendous experience she had undergone and was undergoing she had managed to control herself and keep her head there is this ironic note the main body of the reporters who daily cover the president apparently did

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daily cover the president apparently did not know that he had lost his life until they got to the destination which the motorcade was headed for the trademark where the president had been scheduled to make a speech this afternoon as robert mcneill has pointed out he was in the first press bus riding behind the president and that was three cars behind the president's car the main body of the white house reporters was at the rear of the motorcade they were riding in two buses and there were many of them who did not know of the shooting until they got to the downtown trademart in dallas and there they found out their first hard news of what had happened although they did have some idea of what was going on when they saw the motorcade start to fall apart and dallas police and secret service men start to take off in all directions we are told now that presidents president kennedy's body will arrive at andrews air force base at 5 30 this afternoon washington time but uh little less than two hours from now just about two hours yes uh reaction from overseas the first point we are able to call in right now uh our correspondent in rome irving r levine shock and grief are the reactions in italy where president kennedy was enormously popular italian president sanji immediately sent an aide to the american embassy to express his sympathy president called president

kennedy's death a great loss to humanity pope paul is preparing a radiogram which is expected to be ready within an hour italian radio and television made the announcement of the president's death and then went off the air except for solemn music cardinal spellman and other american bishops in rome for the ecumenical council expressed shock cardinal spelman said that he is saying rosary for president kennedy now irving r levine nbc news rome is the first overseas point we have

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is the first overseas point we have called in to bring your reaction to the assassination of president kennedy which took place in dallas texas this afternoon frank mcgee is on board with robert mcneill let me enter correspondence at the time the assassination took place uh is frank's conversation with mcneil i just wanted to interrupt you to tell you that you are going on the air you are in fact on the air now so why don't you make the report direct bob go right ahead um we can have pictures here frank in about 15 minutes um the doctors who attended president kennedy have just reported his surgeon at the hospital malcolm perry said the president was in critical condition from wounds in the neck and the head when he was brought into the hospital neck and head net and head he said it is possible that these were both caused by the same bullets i'll just to tell you what the doctor said he said they immediately attempted resuscitation um the professor of neurosurgery at the hospital dr clark was called in and several other doctors they arrived but the president's condition at that time did not allow any sign of recessive resuscitation he was critically ill and more of them that is near death they attempted a restoration they gave him oxygen anesthetic they uh performed the tracheotomy that is making an opening into the neck to assist breathing they gave him blood and slipped and also tests in the tube to remove any possibility of air getting into the uh plural stage they attached an electric electric cardiograph to monitor his heartbeat

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cardiograph to monitor his heartbeat but shortly after that he uh his heart failed and none of the they tried external massage to um produce a heart movement again this was without any success they did achieve for a brief moment a faint the president finally died at one o'clock about 25 minutes after he was brought into the hospital um they said that the brain wound in the president's head involved a great loss of bread and a great loss of brain tissue but the wound was in brain warmers in the back of his head slightly to the right which frank would fit with the picture i gave you earlier of the president being um having his back through the assailant this uh hypothesis that the assailant was in the building i described is true but this conflict with the fact that they wound in the neck the doctors say was in the front of the neck just below the adam's apple now it could have been that there were two bullets one struck him as he faced the assailant the other as the car turned the corner or perhaps one bullet just struck him from the front in the net and then went up straight in this case the president never regained consciousness the the president was unconscious from the moment he was broken and near death from that moment i see bob and now um we understood you told us earlier that the president's body had been removed from the hospital it was a speculation at that time that it was being taken to the uh airfield are you able to confirm that it has that that is true that it has reported that it has gone to fairfield for uh to be flown back to washington and that uh lyndon johnson a new president is for the moment remaining here in dallas do you know where he is at the moment i do not know but he has not he is not on his way back to washington

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to washington bob thank you very much and stand by we'll be getting in touch with you a moment later thank you frank and bob um there's this news from dallas the police department has arrested one man but in connection with the slaying of a dallas policeman it is not yet known whether this man who is under arrest has any connection with the assassination of president kennedy further details now from the scene we go to station tv in dallas fort worth and newsman charles murphy late film has just arrived in our newsroom from dallas this unedited film shows the scene of the crowded dallas trademark when news of the shooting was

announced also on the film is a prayer given then for president kennedy may we all stand for a moment i'm sure there's a desire in each of our hearts to bow our heads the presence of almighty god each in our own way would come to him let us pray oh god none of us can find words to express the deepest feelings of our

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to express the deepest feelings of our hearts we realize that this is a time of mourning yet we would each come relying upon the faith that we possess we would each come with perhaps the most earnest prayer that we ever offered in behalf of our president our governor the members of their families so we pray that even in this gathering we may reveal that calmness that shall be pleasing to thee that we shall await word in a spirit of prayer in my holy name amen there you have seen at the trade center in dallas where president kennedy was going to make an address and the crowd assembled waiting to hear the president learning what had happened to him if we can we will try to clear up this arrest which has taken place in dallas the police department has arrested a man but in connection with the shooting of a dallas policeman the fatal shooting of the dallas policeman the man was arrested in a theater in the oak cliff section of dallas uh he had a pistol at the time he was arrested and the policeman he allegedly killed was killed by a pistol shot there is nothing now to definitely link

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there is nothing now to definitely link this man who has been taken into custody with the assassination of president kennedy who uh was killed by a bullet from a high-powered rifle from all we can tell from reports from robert mcneill at the hospital from doctors who treated the president and were able to give specific and clinical details of the wound indicating that it was a high-powered bullet quite probably a large caliber bullet too we are now going to go to an nbc mobile unit which is outside the nbc building here in new york uh for pictures and sounds of the reaction of citizens of this city to the loss of their president we go to nbc reporter jeff pond we're on the street outside the nbc studios in rockefeller center sir how did you hear of the president's assassination gentleman came into an office in which i was transacting business and uh mentioned it to us and the time i really wasn't able to believe it i had to hear it myself and unfortunately i did very shortly afterwards what is your feeling now i'm terribly shocked and saddened by it and i would add angered by it why angered i think it was a horrible senseless thing and i hope that the rest of the country feels the same way do you think that this assassination somehow reflects a climate of opinion in the country now i hope that it doesn't reflect a climate of opinion that is very prevalent in the country today it certainly obviously reflects an opinion that some people hold i hope that as an american and the other people as americans do not generally hold this uh feeling you said some people who do you mean by that i don't feel expert enough to express an opinion but the only evidence that i have as to who

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the only evidence that i have as to who these people are all these ultra conservative groups that have been uh distributing literature and spreading hate in texas and who attacked ambassador stevenson short was about a week ago a little longer than that of course no one knows that these people are indeed responsible certainly not thank you sir ma'am what was your reaction i was very shocked and saddened uh by the president's death i was getting some eye glasses fitted when i first heard about it and then i was riding on the bus when they finally told me he was dead do you find it difficult to believe even now i really do i really find it difficult to breathe now the president was in dallas which is of course part of the south do you think that somehow uh his racial policies are in any way connected with this that's the first thing i thought of when i heard about it yes i thought that uh probably some segregationist crackpot or something just they had it all planned out and i really believe that his blood will be on their hands forever yes thank you how about you sir do you believe it even now uh this is the first time in my life i'm honestly saying i'm not proud to be an american right now i'm serving in the armed forces and i'm just home on leave and it's an understatement to say it was a shock i uh first did not believe it and i have trouble believing it now uh i just don't think it reflects the uh thinking of most people uh as was stated before it's it's i think it's a small minority and it's just an

unfortunate day for the united states that this can happen this is something that you read in history books and just never want to believe that can happen when you're living do you think this in some way reflects on the security arrangements that the secret service there are random samplings what it's called man in the street interviews people here in new york city their reactions to the loss of the president of the united states john f kennedy who died approximately an hour and 45 minutes ago in parkland hospital in dallas texas

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in parkland hospital in dallas texas after being fatally wounded by a sniper developments in the nation's capital reported now by nbc's david brinkley in washington bill we're again we've reported this before but we will report again that the president's body is expected to arrive at andrews air force base a few miles that's an air a few miles outside of washington at about 5 30 washington time which is about an hour and 40 minutes from now the church bells all over town are ringing we're told that people are standing on street corners crying openly and freely nbc's robert abernathy reports from andrew's base that the base commander says the president's body again will be arriving at 5 30. he also says that senator edward kennedy and his sister mrs shriver who was eunice kennedy have just taken off by jet for otis air force base in massachusetts we assume then they are going to their home state to join their mother father and other members of the kennedy family we also are told that military officers who have the job of arranging state funerals are at the white house now and presumably making the plans mr kennedy is the first president to die in office since the defense department was set up and these arrangements were made and i think i think there is no uh there is no set standard ritual to be followed so to some extent it will have to be made up presumably the army will be in charge of the arrangements as it always has been and it has of course casings and ceremonial horses at fort myer virginia which is nearby along with honor guards of troops who presumably will be used that is about all we have here at the moment uh richard valeriani of nbc news is at the white house as is our mobile unit with a live picture

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is our mobile unit with a live picture so we'll switch there and see what's happening richard the american flag atop the white house here in washington has been lowered to half-mast it came down shortly afterward there was confirmation of the president's death in dallas in the white house itself the president's two children are still there caroline and john jr we do not know yet if they have been informed of their father's death we don't know either if there are any of the cabinet members here right now the two ranking members of the presidential staff were ted sorensen and mcgeorge bundy who of the president's aides the picture of the flag flying at half-mast was seen through the trees stripped of their leaves captures the mood of grimness here at the white house outside in front of the white house crowds have begun to gather waiting for they probably don't know quite what perhaps looking for some visual confirmation of what they and everybody else find so hard to believe that the president is indeed dead the victim of an assassin's bullet in dallas police have roped off one side of the of pennsylvania avenue they are allowing pedestrians to walk in front of the white house but not to congregate there extra police details have been sent and have to contain the crowds outside the white house and to surround the white house on all sides traffic is moving normally and there are no other changes we are also told that an assistant to vice president lyndon johnson has also arrived at the white house to george reedy there is not a great deal of hard information coming from the white house press office the first word that was received there was from a reporter who was asking for permission to enter first word of the fact that the president was shot the mood in there two is one of just utter shock utter

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two is one of just utter shock utter disbelief the press house the white house press office is jammed with reporters waiting for some bits of information waiting for any kind of word on what is going to happen next to repeat most of the news from here is from here is being received from dallas there is no late information on what the next developments will be the crowds are still gathering outside the front of the white house across pennsylvania avenue the weather in washington is gray rather unseasonably warm slight chill in the air

people here as people must be all over the country walking around with looks of stunned disbelief on their faces this is richard valeriana nbc news at the white house in washington here in washington senator goldwater of arizona barry goldwater who was the man regarded was the man regarded as most likely to oppose president kennedy an effort to take the presidency away from him in the election next year has issued a statement which he says it is most shocking and dreadful that a thing like this could happen in a free country the president's death senator goldwater said as a profound loss to the nation and to the free world he and i were personal friends it is also a great loss to me mrs goldwater and i offer our heartfelt sympathy to mrs kennedy and the president's family he's cancelled the political appearance he was going to make last night and grand rapids going to make tomorrow night in the grand rapids he reflects really the feeling that is prevalent here on both sides of the aisle in congress feeling of great personal bereavement

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feeling of great personal bereavement feeling of loss of feeling of shock i think back to a the night of the convention in nineteen hundred 1960 when vice president lyndon johnson accepted the nomination governor john connolly was then the floor manager for lyndon johnson was the man who was always his closest assistant in all of his political campaigns that is governor connelly of texas who now lies wounded in a hospital in dallas about two o'clock in the morning when there is much talk that lyndon johnson would be offered the vice presidential nomination john connelly told me that he was positive he would never accept it i had talked earlier to the late speaker to sam rayburn he told me too that lyndon johnson would never accept the vice presidency would never give up the job of senate majority leader to take it and i bet john connolly then fifty dollars that lyndon johnson would take the vice presidential nomination at two o'clock that morning john connolly made that bet with me really positive that his very close friend lyndon johnson would not accept this i suppose is the way that history is made ed lyndon johnson not accepted he of course would not be president of the united states today no one could ever have believed her dream that a president was so young would not conclude his term of office that death would interrupt there is very little else to report here in washington just the dental reactions from oh and every bulletin has just come in from dallas a sniper armed with a high-powered rifle murdered president canada today according to the associated press dispatch oh here barely two hours after kennedy's death lyndon johnson has taken the oath of office as the 37th president of the united states so it is president lyndon

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president lyndon baines johnson fifty five years old the new president of the united states now back to new york there are details on the swearing-in of lyndon b johnson as president of the united states the oak was administered in dallas at 1 38 central standard time that would be roughly an hour and 20 minutes ago by a federal district judge sarah t hughes uh president johnson took the oath aboard the presidential plane at love field in dallas as he prepared to fly to washington to take over the presidency this is the oath that was administered to mr johnson i solemnly swear that i will faithfully execute the office of president of the united states and will do the best of my ability to preserve protect and defend the constitution of the united states that is all we know about the swearing-in of lyndon johnson as the 36th president of the united states mr kennedy's predecessor general eisenhower has issued this statement here in new york on the assassination of the president quote i share the sense of shock and dismay that all americans feel at the despicable act that resulted in the death of our nation's present mrs eisenhower and i also join with all other citizens in expressing our personal grief and prayerful concern to mrs kennedy and all other members of the family the statement issued on behalf of general eisenhower here in new york this afternoon frank well the um moscow radio is playing funeral music after announcing the death of president kennedy and uh all diplomats in the russian capital are described as being aghast and the united states ambassador to russia for eddie kohler was told of the news and his response was to say it's terrible terrible moscow radio quoted reports and this is moscow radio now assuming that extreme right-wing elements were believed responsible for the assassination news of the president's death by a bullet in the head was immediately passed on to the top soviet figures

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passed on to the top soviet figures according to russian sources no reaction directly from the kremlin was expected until tomorrow russian television broke into its late night programming to announce the assassination and the soviet news agency tas reported from new york here that quote an attempt was made on his life by persons believed to be among extreme right-wing elements of course later they were informed that the president was dead it's a heart-clutching thought to think those two children in the white house uh the son and the young daughter and we can only assume of course that they have been informed of their their father's death um regardless of what one may have thought about the kennedys as a political institution in the united states they were regarded by all as being terribly vivacious and vital people who were quite quite alive the situation at the moment is that the president john f kennedy is dead his body is believed to be on route or shortly will be on route back to washington it's expected to arrive from dallas at andrews air force base outside washington about 5 30 eastern standard time today which is about an hour and a half from now a new president of the united states lyndon b johnson has been sworn in by a federal judge in dallas and is remaining for the moment in dallas the president's brother the senator ted kennedy and a sister the wife of sergeant shriver are on their way to otis air force base in massachusetts the family of course comes from boston and it is assumed that they are going there to be with the parents of the president the last word we had on mrs kennedy was that she was at the hospital where the president died um she probably is not at the hospital now but we do not know where she is her privacy is being respected as well it should be under these circumstances mrs johnson is no doubt with um the new president johnson and um that is the situation that we have it at the moment and you have some more information bill um only frank that the there was word that mrs kennedy had in fact left the hospital with the body of the president presumably to go uh to dallas's love field uh from which

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to dallas's love field uh from which place the body would be uh flown back to washington for uh the state funeral which will follow preparations for that we understand are already being tentatively made by military experts who would handle the affair they are gathered at the white house did we want to go to this i believe so frank yes we have prepared some material on some of the last appearances that president kennedy was able to make in what has proved to be his last formal speech the late president john fitzgerald kennedy commented to a dinner in houston texas last night excuse me frank yes excuse me frank that's i'm told not ready all right we always handed it and we'll have it for you in a moment then uh if i can i will attempt a chronology of what happened today the president was in dallas on a five-city two-day sweep of the state he had his wife with him her first act active campaigning and it supposedly was to look forward to what she would be doing next year in his expected presidential campaign the president had made at least one speech in dallas and was on his way to a trade center to make another when a sniper's bullet hit him in the head uh it took five minutes for the motorcade to dissolve sufficiently so that the president could be driven to the hospital he was driven to the parkland memorial hospital in dallas uh when he was brought in doctors said that his condition was morobund that is close to death but he was unconscious the wound from the descriptions they have given was massive and uh apparently nothing that medical science could do could make any change in his condition he died in approximately a half hour from the time he sustained the wound the first word that came of the president's passing came from two roman catholic priests who had been summoned to the hospital to administer to him the last rites of the roman catholic

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the last rites of the roman catholic church riding in the car with the president in addition to his wife was texas governor john connolly and his wife neither of the ladies was injured although governor connolly did sustain we are told three wounds one in the chest one in the wrist and an extremely minor one in the leg he has undergone surgery apparently for removal of the bullet which struck him in the chest he is uh said to be in reasonably good condition but there is uh the qualification left uh that he is not yet out of the woods that is roughly what we know of what happened today in dallas there is no indication that the sniper or snipers has

been found one person has been taken into custody in the city of dallas but that is in connection with the killing of a dallas policeman uh policemen and secret service agents who fanned out from the area where the attack on the president took place on a freeway uh have found a rifle and now for a late report from fort worth dallas we go to station wbap tv and newsman charles murphy here now are late unedited on screen films of the shooting scene in dallas this was a scene near the stemmons expressway in front though this is in front of city hall in downtown dallas a mile east of the shooting scene heavy crowds lined the downtown streets to view the presidential party as in all of the texas stops there were many teenagers affected there by first lady and the president this is main street in dallas this moving west this is moving west toward the fatal moment

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the motorcade is traveling at about 20 to 25 miles an hour slowly westward down main street in the heart of dutch the time about 12 20 during the noon hour heavy crowds downtown officers lining the roof that looks like the school depository building on the right i'm not sure this this is the scene of confusion something has happened here the cameraman running toward the scene for the presidential car ahead of him we caught just a blurred glance of the old school depository building from which the sniper fired the shot this is the reaction from the crowd all is confusion at the seat here a woman shelters herself now racing toward the hospital on stemon's freeway past the trademark to the right where the president was to have spoken where he was to have criticized the fanatical right there that is parkland hospital a mile and a half to two miles from the shooting scene parkland hospital where the president died in dallas by the time these films were shot of firstly presidential car was already at the hospital this is major general clifton the military aide of the president press secretary going into the hospital these pictures this is this is general clifton

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this is the emergency room entrance of parkland hospital in dallas later films as they are developed as they arrive here will be shown this is charles murphy reporting from wbap-tv fort worth next as murphy pointed out to you there that was unscreened which means he saw it for the very first time as you saw it unedited films of uh what happened some of what happened in the motorcade if i might explain to you that blurry and confusing scene obviously what happened when the shots were fired the cameraman who was riding in one of the cars behind the president very wisely kept his camera running even as he jumped from the car and ran towards the president's car and then over towards the people who were shielding themselves ducking down trying to avoid uh what was going on it was the only way the cameraman could have gotten you uh a picture of what went on uh he very wisely took no time to try to wind the spring on the camera or anything else just keep it rolling get as much picture as possible and get as close as possible to the scene of action that is what the cameraman did that is why it looked somewhat unorthodox in terms of what you are used to seeing and that is why it's such a precious piece of film because the cameraman thought frank well just this that the former president hoover has issued the following statement mr hoover says i am shocked and grieved to learn of president kennedy's assassination he loved america and has given his life for his country i join our beloved nation in heartfelt sympathy to mrs kennedy and their two children a few moments ago we were trying to bring you film that was made of the la president's last formal speech and i understand now that this is ready to go is that correct well in what has proved to be his last formal speech the late president john fitzgerald kennedy's comments to a dinner in houston texas only last night concerned themselves paradoxically with

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concerned themselves paradoxically with the glowing and progressive future the president arrived in houston to be greeted by large crowds of enthusiastic supporters in fact it was with a view to building up voter support in texas that mr kennedy made his two-day so-called non-political tour the late president had carried the state by narrow margins in 1960 with what has been considered to be the important support of mr lyndon johnson at that time the vice presidential candidate mrs kennedy also made the trip in what was her first public appearance since the tragic birth and death of their third child patrick mr kennedy was in houston to

take part in the testimonial dinner for representative albert thomas one of the most influential members of congress thomas is considered to have been instrumental in gaining for the houston area the substantial united states investment in the man to the moon program throughout his texas tour the late president was accompanied by governor john connolly a friend and a political ally of mr lyndon johnson political commentators have argued that mr kennedy's visit was also designed to smooth over the rift in texas politics a rift which had been widened by last year's gubernatorial contest between don yarbroa a liberal democrat and governor conley who won uh connolly was allied with the more conservative elements of the democratic party the late president is understood to have sought a compromise between the warring factions in order to achieve a unified effort to carry taxes for the democrats in 1964. all of these maneuverings of course have been made futile struck down by the shot which has been fired from an assassin's gun today lyndon johnson is now president of the united states governor connolly is now in the dallas hospital reportedly in serious condition a result of a bullet in the lawn in his remarks before the houston audience last night mr kennedy spoke about the place that texas and the united states will take in the space efforts of the next decade the late president referred specifically to the important firing of the saturn booster which is scheduled to take place next month and he also referred to the race to the moon a project which had occupied an important place in his presidential program the subject is of special interest to texas not only because of the manned

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texas not only because of the manned spacecraft center at houston but also because of the continued interest in space and allied substance which mr johnson has for many years championed it fell to lyndon johnson to praise congressman thomas and in doing so the new president recalled an anecdote which might well have been applied to himself this in houston and we are to here first i believe the vice president congressman thomas mrs thomas mr president mrs kennedy distinguished guests ladies and gentlemen some years ago someone asked speaker rayburn why it happened that the texas delegation in congress had such an uncommon influence upon the course of national affairs mr rayburn's reply was characteristically pointed and quite brief he said we pick them honest we pick them yawn we send them there and we keep them there then president kennedy spoke referred to thomas as one of the most remarkable members of congress in what was to be his last major address the president said when the united states of america fires the largest booster in the history of the world into space for the first time giving us the lead fires the largest payroll payload into space giving us the lead it will be the largest payroll too who should know that better than houston

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in 1990 your sons daughters grandsons and grandchildren will be applying to the colleges of this state in a number three times what they do today our airports will serve five times as many passenger miles we will need housing for a hundred million more people and many times more doctors and engineers and technicians than we are presently producing that is why we're trying to do more in these areas as in the 30s albert thomas and franklin roosevelt and others did those things which make it possible for not only texas but the entire united states to prosper and grow as we do in the 1960s in 1990 the age of space will be entering its second phase and our hopes in it to preserve the peace to make sure that in this great new sea as on earth the united states is second to none president john fitzgerald kennedy in houston texas last night vibrant and alive looking forward to the future now dead held by an assassin's bullet in dallas texas as he continued his tour of that southwestern state and frank we now have this the presidential plane is airborne it has left love field in dallas carrying president lyndon johnson to washington mr johnson was sworn in we have a correction in the time less than an hour ago at 3 39 eastern standard time as president of the united states he was sworn in by a district judge sarah hughes aboard the presidential plane parked at love field where it had come in earlier this morning to dallas and deposited then president kennedy and his party at the swearing-in of lyndon bane johnson as president of the united states were mrs kennedy the late president's widow and mrs johnson now the first lady of milan several staff

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the first lady of milan several staff members and several congressmen apparently those who had been in the presidential party for this swing into texas mr johnson asked as many white house people as possibly could to crowd into the executive suite of the airplane air force one to witness the ceremony judge hughes who administered the oak is said to have been weeping while she swore mr johnson in as president of the united states then the plane took off immediately for washington with president johnson mrs johnson mrs kennedy and some white house aides aboard again it is a question of reaction a question of washington shifting getting used to a change in spite of the fact that it came violently and dramatically one of the changes will take place in the area of foreign policy how much reported now by nbc state department correspondent ellie abel in washington all we can be sure about at the moment is the great shockwave felt round the world not only among friends and allies and neutrals but also i suspect in the communist rural countries the controlled soviet press has much of the time been sharply and automatically critical of u.s policy but the person of john f kennedy was treated with respect just a week ago the soviet people were told that gail professor boghorn arrested as a spy was being released because of the president's concern over the case he had met soviet premier gustov in vienna in 1961 resisted soviet encroachments on berlin played and won that deadly game of nuclear poker with frustrated over cuba he was also the man who agreed to a limited test ban treaty and persuaded the u.s senate to ratify that step the guess here is that president lyndon johnson will carry on much the same policy he was certainly very much directly involved in that policy he showed the flag in many distant parts of the world as president kennedy's personal emissary but just as the western allies may

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but just as the western allies may hesitate while pledging full support to the new president the soviets presumably are not sure at the moment what to expect out of washington they have tended to place a certain faith in john kennedy personally as a man they disagreed with but a man who wanted peace who was trying to defuse some of the explosive situations around the world who favored in the long run a policy based on mutual recognition that nuclear war is no rational option for mankind in this day and age russians know less about lyndon johnson and they may well play a waiting game until they have a sure feel of his reactions and attitudes ellie abel nbc news reporting more from dallas now on what may be i repeat maybe the capture of the assassin uh we know this much one man has been taken into custody he was taken into custody in the texas theater in dallas uh specifically for killing a dallas policeman we're told this that a check was made of the building from which the shots that killed president kennedy were fired and they found a rifle on the fifth floor of that building police then received a tip that a man suspected as the assassin had gone into the texas theater two dallas policemen went into the theater they were told by an usher that a man had just come in they spotted him one policeman fired at the suspect who returned the fire killing the first policeman there was shooting within the theater the other policeman then arrested the suspect who yelled it's all over now he was clapped into handcuffs and taken out we do not yet know if this is the man who fired the shot that killed president kennedy i am told that our station in fort worth dallas has more late film so for a report we go to station wbap tv fort worth dallas hundreds of persons witnessed the shooting in dallas just after the noon

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shooting in dallas just after the noon hour we have films of eyewitness reports coming up is a statement by charles brand who was on the sidewalk and saw the chute unfortunately i was probably 15 to 20 feet away from the president when it happened tell us exactly what you saw sir he was coming down the street and my five-year-old boy and myself were by ourselves on the grass there on palmer street and i asked joe away from him and joe waved and i waved in the comments that's all right sir you're wearing it because he was waving back he was he was the shot rang out and he slumped down in the seat and his wife reached up toward them they were slumping down and the second shot went off and just knocked them down from the seat the two shots two shots did you see the man who did that no sir i did not see the man who did it i i always all i did was look in the man's face when he was shot there and saw that expression on his face and grabbed himself and slide and the second one whenever it went why i'm positive it hit him i hope it didn't but i'm positive that it hit him and it and he went all the way down in the car then they speeded up and i didn't know what was going on so i just grabbed the boy and fell on him and hopes that there wasn't a maniac

around i'm right sorry i can't help you more but i won't forget yes polaroid picture taken by another witness mary norman of dallas showing the president slumped over in the cup just as mary started to take the picture and the president became came right even with us two shot we looked at him and he was looking at a dog in the middle of the seat two shots rang out and he grabbed his chest and a look of paint on his face and fell

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and a look of paint on his face and fell across toward jackie and she uh fell over on him and said my god he's shot and uh that uh there was an interval and then three or four more shots rang out but that time the motorcade had sped away what prompted you to take the picture at that particular instant man well that's the only chance i have mine is a polaroid and i can only type one every ten seconds and that was it was at that time whenever i was shot no i didn't i must have stamped it immediately when he slumped because in the picture that's the way she's there and he slumped over and did you see that were you witness did you see the person who's who uh fired thee no not i didn't see any persons by the weapon you only heard it i only heard it and looked up and saw a man running up this hill uh could you tell me uh uh you had no idea no i had no idea i had nothing to go by me not i don't think it dawned on me for an instant that the president had been shot i mean i knew and yet it just didn't register did you get a look at the uh no i had taken the picture and then the shots and i decided it was time to fall on the ground you did fall on the ground mary norman was the woman who put the picture on the right the other woman was a companion jean hill coming up again now are films of the last minutes of president kennedy's life in the actual shooting scene in dallas presidential motorcade is passing the city hall in dallas also containing the police department which has led extra precautionary measures against possible violence a big crowd gathered along the sidewalks of main street he passed down main street during the height of the noon hour after speaking in fort worth where he had spent the night

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had spent the night the motorcade is moving slowly west about 20 miles an hour no estimate of the crowd has ever been made past workmen past office workers past thousands of young people who had cut classes at school to see the president and the detective that is the school depository on the right the billing from which the sniper fire now these are the last moments of president this is the shooting scene the confused moments as the cameraman runs toward the presidential car leaving his camera running all the while past a park a woman taking shelter on the lawn of a park another man holding his son another woman crouching in then the presidential car hurrying toward parkland hospital confusion everywhere alone tickets past the dallas trademark where the president was to speak in his address he was to criticize the fanatical right this is parkland hospital some two miles from the shooting scene by now the presidential car with the dying president has already arrived the president died 30 minutes after the shooting in the hospital emergency room this is the emergency room of parkland hospital a public hospital

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hospital a public hospital in dallas texas this has made the general system a military name late word just in from dallas homicide detective lavelle told wbap newsman james kerr and dallas a few minutes ago they have little doubt that 24 year old lee oswald of dallas is the man who shot and killed dallas police officer jd tippett shortly after president kennedy was shot to death this afternoon oswald was pulled screaming and shouting from the texas theater by officers who had gone there on a tip that oswald was there he banished a pistol which officers took away from him after a struggle oswald was quoted as saying it's all over now a large crowd had congregated around the theater and police had to hold back the crowds because they were of the impression that the man was the president's assassin officer tipper had been killed by a man answering the description of oswald in the neighborhood a short time before a coincidence in the case is that oswald worked as a stockman at the texas book depository the building from which the sniper shot president kennedy dallas police have declined to say whether they think oswald is connected with the assassination this other late word in a 24 year old man who said two years ago he wanted russian citizenship was

questioned today to see whether he had any connection with the assassination of president kennedy he was identified as lee harvey oswald of fort worth he was pulled screaming and yelling from the texas theater in the oakvip section of dallas shortly after a dallas policeman was shot to death as more late film arrive we will show

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as more late film arrive we will show them instantly unedited on the screen this is charles murphy reporting from wbap tv fort worth dallas now there is just one conflict between what charles murphy has just reported to you and what we have from the wires coming out of dallas the indications are in the last story we had here that the suspect had been taken to custody oswald and the dead dallas policemen engaged in a shooting fray within the texas theater where the suspect was ultimately taken into custody however murphy reported that the killing of the policemen took place in the vicinity that oswald was then chased into the theater and then arrested we do not yet know and as murphy pointed out dallas police have not yet indicated whether they feel there is a connection between this man and the assassination of president kennedy but uh murphy did report that the man was employed as a stock clerk in the building from which the fatal shots were fired and there was also the report that two years ago he said he would like to have russian citizenship frank bill we have um i think we have some late information from wbat in fort worth so let's go there and uh through charles murphy areas more on november 1st 1959 oswald told the united states embassy in moscow he had applied for soviet citizenship he said he had been sent a tour he had been a tourist rather in russia since october 13th of that year oswald was reported to have a russian wife the fort worth star telegram confirmed that the man held in dallas was the same oswald and said his mother was being taken to dallas police headquarters to see him oswald put up a wild fight in the theater charles murphy reporting from wba wb ap tv fort worth there is this late report on the condition of texas

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report on the condition of texas governor john conley he is said to be in very very serious but not critical condition an aide said he suffered three wounds one in the right arm one in the right leg one in the back that pierced his body and an aide to the governor says the governor had been in surgery and power probably would be there for another hour frank oh just thinking back uh bill a little earlier in the in the day when we allowed ourselves to have some hope when we were told that defective governor had been taken into the emergency room in the hospital there it appeared that he perhaps was in more critical condition than the president uh this was an instant mental reaction i suppose had we been inclined to be more pessimistic we would have realized then that perhaps president was beyond much medical help we have a new arrival time for president kennedy's body in washington it's now estimated that the plane will touch down at andrews air force base just outside the nation's capital at 6 05 pm eastern standard time today which is what about an hour and a half roughly an hour and a half from now and that the plane that some members of the cabinet and press secretary salinger were taking to um to the far east has um of course turned around and is headed back to washington and that it has touched down in honolulu on its way back to the united states bill uh there is little very little actually that we can add to what we have already brought you thus far we have lost the president lyndon johnson has been sworn in as the new president he is now flying on air force one to washington and our information is that he is on the same aircraft that is bringing the president's body the late president's body back to uh to washington dc it's expected there at 605 as frank mentioned eastern standard time about an hour and a half from now also on the plane with president johnson mrs johnson and mrs kennedy the widow of the late president yes frank you mentioned a while ago that this um federal judge sarah hughes is

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this um federal judge sarah hughes is that correct who swore in president johnson that the swearing-in ceremony took place aboard the um presidential jet that certainly is the first time that's ever happened in history also the first woman to administer the first woman to ever administered the oath of office these have

occurred under unusual circumstances i recall an interesting memory here that when president calvin coolidge was sworn in he was sworn in by his father in vermont is that right vermont i think something if his father was living in vermont at that time he was quite an elderly man was a justice of the peace corps was roused from bed and told about the um the death of president harding and his elderly father of justice of the peace wore him in as president of the united states it seemed to many at that time fitting that the ceremony would be very simple take place in the parlor of this quite conservative old house in the rugged new england territory news of presidents kennedy's assassination has mercifully been withheld from his 98 year old maternal grandmother who lives in boston mrs john fitzgerald is her name she lives with a son thomas fitzgerald and he says he doesn't think that he will ever tell his mother that her grandson the president of the united states is now dead and the 16 year old daughter of lyndon johnson was in class today at the national cathedral school for girls in washington when she heard of the assassination of president kennedy an aide to president johnson said she told the school principal to release her to nobody but to the secret service and the aide miss willie day taylor went to the johnson home to be there when lucy the daughter arrived a moment ago we show you showed you some film that was made last night in houston texas when the president arrived there and we had excerpts of the speech that he made we have some more now um film made in san antonio and if we're ready somebody and kicked him in president kennedy flew to texas as you know only yesterday and what was to be a two-day tour with the major speeches in san antonio and houston the president

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